

The "Daily Bonanza's" Page of Sporting Events

AUTO TOURING CONTEST ARRANGED

CHURCH WILL GIVE HANDSOME TROPHY; RACE TO BE HELD IN AUGUST, 1908

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A new auto touring contest will be held in 1908 for the trophy offered by A. W. Church. The preliminary steps taken by the giver show that he appreciates the necessity for intelligent rules and regulations a sufficient time ahead of the contest, so that everyone can be prepared. To this end Mr. Church has appointed a technical body, consisting of his friends and associates, who are to submit plans and rules for the run. They are to be given out sometime in August, specifying the date and the conditions of the deed of gift. The route has been practically determined upon, and cannot help but prove attractive to every one. The start will be made from New York, going to Hartford, where arrangements will be made to meet the governor of the State of Connecticut. From there to Boston, where similar arrangements will be made with the executive of that state; Boston to Concord, also meeting the governor; from Albany to Columbus, O., meeting the executive of that state; from Columbus to Charleston, W. V., Charleston to Richmond; Richmond to Washington, Washington to Harrisburg, Harrisburg to Trenton, and from there returning to New York.

It is Mr. Church's intention that a full and complete report shall be handed to the chief executive of each state, explaining the conditions of the roads—the whole to serve as an object lesson to the lovers of the motor car, as well as to the general public, of its usefulness. Mr. Church desires that all those interested in automobilism, who may have any suggestions to make, should state such suggestions to him in writing. The trophy itself will be attractive and beautiful, goldsmiths having already been asked by Mr. Church to submit designs appropriate for it. This run should take a prominent part in American events of this character, as Mr. Church has been a consistent student of the motor car from its inception, and has participated in every important event in one way or another. The tour will be held in the early part of the year.

TOMMY BURNS A FREAK.

Is Exhibiting Himself in a 10-Cent Museum.

Speaking of Tommy Burns it might be well to tell what he is doing right now. Tommy left the coast a week or two ago and is now in Detroit, where he is exhibiting himself in a 10-cent museum at the fair being held there. He is brought out on the platform in front of the tent in which he has his show every few minutes, and the speller throws a few bouquets at Tom and then a couple of "boosters" push up to the ticket seller's stand and purchase their tickets, and, of course, the crowd follows suit. Inside Burns gives some sort of an exhibition which lasts but a short while, and then the crowd is dismissed and Tommy resumes his stand on the platform, the speller does another "chirp" and the "boosters" get busy again, and then the same old gag over again.

This is the first time in the history of the prize ring where it was ever known of a "heavyweight champion" doing a stunt at a street carnival museum. An eastern paper just received prints a picture of Burns on the platform in front of his tent, and the caption under the cut refers to him as "the near-champion posing as a museum freak."

CORNELL'S PROSPECTS.

Are Better This Year Than Ever Before.

ITHACA, Sept. 27.—The football practice of the Cornell eleven began on the 15th, and the Ithacans have the best prospects that any Cornell team has had in a number of years. With a new system of coaching, and only three places which are not filled by veterans of the 1906 aggregation, there appears to be no reason now why the Cornell eleven this year should not be better than that of last season. There is good material in last year's freshman class, and if change in the coaching system does the good that is expected of it, the team should know more football and be a faster aggregation than it was last year.

There are but three places which will not be filled by the men who played there last year. Gibson, left halfback, and Newman, center, were lost by graduation, and news reached

this city a few days ago that Jamieson, the little quarterback of last year's team, had died of typhoid fever during the vacation. Except for these three stars there will be a veteran for every position on the eleven. The permanent coaching staff for this season will consist of Henry Schoelkopf of Milwaukee; Morris S. Halliday of Ithaca, and George Tandy Cook, captain of the team, who will compose the field committee.

STAGG'S NEW IDEAS.

Likes to Beat the Game With Backing Rules.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—A. Alonzo Stagg, the wizard of the gridiron, is devoting a great deal of time to strategic study of the "new game," of which he is one of the strongest supporters. It is a fad with Stagg to evolve new ideas to make scoring difficult, and then with diagrams to mathematically study out plans of how to beat the rules. It is this plan of careful figuring out the weak points in the defense as an army general would plan an attack that has won more games for the Maroons than brute force. Stagg is at work now, and it is said that he will spring many new tricks this season.

A few years ago Stagg sprung the heavy quarterback idea and his "who back" plays, and the ingenious devices he framed last fall put many of the middle west football tutors at sea. Veterans of his 1906 team declare the Maroon coach has a large variety of plays left over from last fall—plays he never used. Most of them, they say, were planned for the game with Minnesota. Many of these plays were combinations of triple passes, crisscrosses, long forward passes and deceptive straight plunges through the line after it seemed as if the attack would be at the opponent's end. The linemen were worked in a variety of quick shifts in which the backfield often assumed new positions.

It was a common criticism last fall that too many chances were taken with the forward pass, but Stagg seems to have eliminated some of the chances for mishaps by sending not one man ahead to watch the forward pass, but two or three men. In this way the quarterback or the man passing the ball is able to use his eyes and intelligence and direct the ball to the player with the best opportunities to get away with it.

MACKAY AFTER DERBY.

Millionaire Sportsman in Rich Event of 1909.

Clarence H. Mackay, gentleman, sportsman and millionaire, will make a bid for the historic derby, and the bay colt by Medlar out of Won by Waiting, will carry the Mackay colors in the big event in 1909. The colt was shipped to England this morning and will be made fit for this and other stake events, for which he is entered. On the other side of the big pond.

This colt, which is the only one reserved by Mr. Mackay during the sale of yearlings from the Kingston stud, Thursday, is one of the best bred animals of the turf. He is a handsome big bay without marks, but even immature as he is, looks every inch the racing thoroughbred. His sire, Imp. Meddler, did not start in the classic during this year, owing to the death of his owner, which invalidated his entry, but his grandsire, St. Gatien, ran a dead heat with Harvester in the derby of 1884. Meddler came to this country with a record of continuous victories and has been a most satisfactory and prolific adjunct at the Kingston stud for several years.

Won by Waiting, dam of the promising colt, is an imported mare by the noted English sire, Calopin. As a two-year-old she only started once, Heavyweight handicap at Newmarket, Heavyweight handicap at ewmarket, a mile and three furlongs.

The reserve bid of \$15,000 made by Mr. Mackay saved the colt for the Kingston stud at the sale, which by the way, was the first public one of the Meddler get, but there was a moment or two of uneasiness when the bidding reached \$13,500. The full amount of the reserve bid was offered to Charles F. Hill, Mr. Mackay's manager, immediately after the sale by James B. Brady, who was anxious to race the colt in his colors, but the offer was declined. The \$13,500 bid was made by Joseph E. Widener, of Philadelphia. Others who figured in the bidding were M. M. Allen and Herman B. Duryea. It was announced that the colt would eventually fill Meddler's place in the Kingston stud, but Mr. Mackay desires the colt to make a record before being retired.

The derby, which is the principal event in which the big bay will start, has been won only twice by colts sporting the silk of Americans; once by Pierre Lorillard with Iroquois and

once by Richard Croker with Orby. Others have tried and failed.

Mr. Mackay is a thorough sportsman, who is in the game for the sake of sport alone, and with his wealth and personality, has attained an enviable position in the world of the thoroughbred. He has not taken an active interest in the racing of his horses for several years, and his return is hailed by those having turf interests at heart.

"THE SILENT MAN."

Ed. Geers Is Keeping Up Reputation For Getting Coin.

Ed. Geers, the "Silent Man from Tennessee," who for years has been considered one of the ablest reinmen in the country, is keeping up his reputation this year on the grand circuit by piloting winners at each race meeting, his total winnings at the close of the Providence meeting being \$31,475. When at Cleveland, Geers encountered a run of hard luck and in one day lost three races. People pitied him and imagined that he had lost his cunning. The fact is it was simply racing luck that every horseman in his career is obliged to face.

As showing that Geers' campaign has not been a losing one it is only necessary to point out that at Detroit, the first meeting of the grand circuit, Geers won \$4325, and this in spite of the fact that Highball, John A. and Dan S., three of the stars of his stable, were beaten. When Cleveland was reached the fine edge that these horses had been holding since early in the spring was worn off and the result was that he won only \$2950 at that place. At Buffalo, however, he collected \$3750, and at Poughkeepsie he captured \$2350. When Readville was reached Geers made a "killing." At this one meeting he received \$12,850 as his share of the winnings, which left but a small portion of the spoils for the other contestants. At Providence, Geers made another good haul, winning in all \$7200.

STILL HATES CORBETT.

John L. Sullivan Will Never Forgive His Conqueror.

In all the alleged grudges between fighters there is only real hatred. The detestation in which John L. Sullivan holds James J. Corbett is beautiful to behold—it is so sincere and genuine.

Most of the other feuds are deadly only when the match is pending and the gate is to be increased by public belief in the bad blood which will drive the boxers to frenzied efforts to beat each other.

Then, when the fight is over, and the dear public has yielded up its coin, the victor and vanquished meet, shake hands, talk it over, and arrange to appear together in vaudeville.

The latest announcement of this kind is the Young Corbett-McGovern team. It was long supposed that the Denver boy who lifted the title of Terrible Terry could never be brought within speaking distance of the man he downed, and Terry has expressed a thousand times his undying hatred for Corbett, not because he won the featherweight title, but because of the language he used in exciting Terry to the point of losing his head and leaving himself open for the punch on the jaw that put him away. Now, in the chase for the public's dollar this is all over-looked and the pair will do a turn together and split the proceeds.

They all do it. All but Sullivan. Fifteen years have passed since Pompadour Jim laid low the Boston boy, but John L. does not hate him any less than on the fatal morning when he awoke to find himself a dethroned champion.

WEST POINT READY.

WEST POINT, Sept. 27.—West Point's football season has officially begun with Capt. H. C. Smither, Fifteenth United States cavalry, as head coach. Captain Smither played quarterback on the army team in 1897 and was an assistant coach last year, but was ordered to another part after he had been with the team two weeks. His assistants this year are Bob Forbes and Lieut. C. F. Thompson, Thirteenth Infantry, and who played at right guard on the 1904 team. Captain Smither is confident of a successful team this year, for of last year's men only three, Sultan, center; Captain Hill, halfback, and Christy, guard, graduated, and in the new fourth class there is much good material for filling these vacancies.

CORNELL FIXING UP FIELD.

ITHACA, Sept. 27.—Work in the preparation of the alumni field of Cornell university, has begun so that by the time the football season is in full swing the twenty-three acres of growing turf which men are now

working upon will be in shape ready for the buildings that are to be built and the future spaces allotted for each branch of sport. During the summer the playground, which occupied fully two-thirds of the future athletic field of fifty-seven acres, has been completed. Upon the other portion of the field it is proposed to place the stadium and the training house. South of it is Kite hill, on which the clubhouse will be built. Alumni field when it is finished will be one of the largest fields of its kind in the country. It will take two years to complete it in all its details.

BIG MONEY BET.

Eastern Bookmakers Handle \$2,000,000 on Summer's Play.

The thousands who gather on the big New York race tracks during the summer months and hand over their money daily to the men on the high stools, with hopes of getting it back and more, too; have little idea of the tremendous amount of business the layers do in a season. Take such "stores" as those conducted by Tom Shaw, Sol Lichtenstein and others, who are on day in and day out from April 15 to November 15. These layers will easily handle \$2,000,000 on the season's play. This is a lot of money, and there are very few mercantile business houses that can handle that amount of money in six months. There are at least twenty books "on the line" at the New York race tracks which do a \$2,000,000 business. There are fifty other layers whose tab at the end of the season will show more than a million handled during the season. Fifty others will show \$750,000, and from that down to \$250,000, which is perhaps about as low an amount as is handled. Then with the "back line" and the "fielders," nearly 200 in all, it will be easily estimated that in the daily battle between the public and the layers something like \$200,000,000 passes from hand to hand. These figures look big, but they are correct and will be verified by any prominent layer. Two-thirds of this amount are "markers," to be settled the next day. Of course, some of these markers are never taken up and there are a few books which are not carrying "dead markers" at the end of the season, but the percentage of "welchings" are so small in comparison to the sum of real money handled that the layers are not badly crippled by the losses.

Turf nomenclature, like that on the baseball field, is yearly being added to, until now it has almost sufficient words to fill an ordinary-sized book. Such words as "on the chin straps," "breezing," "won laughing," "trotted," "an hour the best," "boat race," "shoo in," "in apothecary's handcap," "hop horse" and "big train," are very common now, and their uses, applied to horse racing, no longer attract attention from turf followers. New words were added to this list this summer. They are "gave," instead of "favorite," "driver" and chauffeur, instead of "jockey." It is quite the thing now to hear one dyed-in-the-wool regular asking another "who is driving" such and such a horse, or who is so and so's "chauffeur." It is no longer the custom to ask another what he is playing. It's now "What are you taking?" and if the party addressed is wagering on the betting choice his answer will be "The fave." Just who originates these words is a mystery, but they are heard on the tracks one day, and by the next are being used without any one stopping to think who could have coined them.

SMALLEST TURF RIDER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Jockey Albert Sumter is the baby of the saddle. He weighs about sixty-five pounds. Camter is probably the smallest boy riding in actual races for hard cash and glory in the metropolitan circuit. He is a comer, too—a lad whose riding is of a pronounced character, and has lately attracted the attention of racegoers as well as turfmen generally. Sumter may not develop into a wonder, but he is just turning 16 and with a few generous pounds added to his agility may within the next year or two shoot to the front as a rider of high ability. Such, at least, is the prediction of many expert turfmen.

Sumter is under contract to "Jimmy" McCormick, one of the shrewdest of turfmen. McCormick would as soon trust his great racer, Glorifier, in a race to Sumter's guidance, as he would to the hands of Miller. The lad was born in Harlem.

SULLIVAN PRAISES GAMES.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—President J. E. Sullivan of the A. A. U. said the other day that the games held at Jamestown were the best ever held by the A. A. U., and that the caliber of the athletes was very high. "If we could take the same team of American athletes to England next

year," said Mr. Sullivan, "we would make a clean sweep of the events. I could not wish for a stronger or more versatile team than would result from the joining of eastern and western athletes. We would win against any combination in the world, and I hope that next spring, when we pick a team to go to London, we will be able to get the men who won the points at Jamestown." Mr. Sullivan has also intimated that at the next meeting of the A. A. U. he will bring up the matter of forcing the hammer throwers to use a thicker and stronger wire for their handles.

TO INVADE ENGLAND.

Yankee Runners Will Try Luck Across Pond.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Again the report is current in turf circles that there is to be another American invasion. The success of Mr. Richard Croker in winning the derby is perhaps responsible for this in some measure. In any event I have heard it said that several strong American stables will be seen at the English race course next year. In this connection the names of Foxall Keene, John W. Gates, W. K. Vanderbilt Jr., Barney Schreiber, the western horseman, and a number of others are mentioned. How much truth there is in these reports is, of course, a matter of conjecture. I am, however, inclined to believe that there will be a good many American-owned horses at the races here next season. I am informed on good authority that Richard Croker, while not giving up any of his Irish racing interests, will very largely add to his English racing string and that he will next season seek to add to his laurels by leading the list of winning owners on the English turf. Those who best know the dogged determination of the former New York boss are rather inclined to believe that he will accomplish his ambition before he gives up the game.

If the American owners and trainers could only do as well proportionately as do the American jockeys they surely would take the cream of European racing. There are something like twenty-five American jockeys riding on English and continental race tracks who make \$5000 a year or more each. The total earnings of American jockeys on this side of the water is not far from \$400,000 and may exceed that sum.

MARKET IS BAD.

Lack of Racing the Cause for Small Sale of Yearlings.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 27.—O. H. Chenault, owner of the Spendthrift stud, in this country, reports that the sale of thoroughbred yearlings being conducted in New York is the worst all-round sale he ever saw. With foodstuff higher than it has been in years and yearlings selling at prices as low as they did during the panic Mr. Chenault is of the opinion that the breeders here will have to limit their operations. The breeders will be forced to sell all but their most productive brood mares and breed to the highest class stallions in order to make their business a success in his opinion. Being a member of the Protective Breeders' association Mr. Chenault says that he will urge that the association become active again and enter the field for purchasing brood mares. The lack of racing in the west he ascribes as the cause of the poor sale of yearlings.

Three thoroughbreds that have been racing in the string of James R. Keene this year have been returned to Castleton stud for a rest. They are Philander, Ecaterina and Chaplet. The filly Charmante and Mentha, which have also been in training in Keene's string have been sent home to be bred.

SERVES GOOD PURPOSE.

Writer Says Baseball Is National Safety Valve.

The fundamental reason for the popularity of baseball is the fact that it is a national safety valve. Voltaire says that there are no real pleasures without real needs. Now a young, ambitious and growing nation needs to "let off steam." Baseball furnishes the opportunity. Therefore it is a real pleasure. But the outsider comprehends nothing of this. "Baseball," he argues loftily, "is a game for people whose minds are vacant, whose imagination is dull, who, of necessity, seek diversion because they have not enough soul leavening to be company for themselves."

In the face of what occurred at the opening game at the Polo grounds this year, the enthusiast hardly knows how to gainsay this aspersion. Commissioner Bingham having unexpectedly withdrawn all police protection, a whole army of fanatics—estimated at 15,000—charged on the

field just when New York was on the point of overhauling Philadelphia.

What did the throng care for victory or defeat? Who was John McGraw pleading that he might finish the game, when 15,000 mortal dynamos surcharged with bent-up emotion, energy and democratic enthusiasm were bent upon expressing themselves! This way and that swept the multitude—fans, bags and rooters—pommeling one another with cushions, jabbing, yelling, making a sieve of the w/ikin—physically and mentally getting everything "off the system." That is what baseball does for humanity. It serves the same purpose as a revolution in Central America or a thunderstorm on a hot day.

REIFF GOES TO GERMANY.

J. Reiff, who won the derby with Orby, will cease to ride in France at the end of the present season, when his engagement with M. Caillaud finishes. He will, however, ride Querido in the St. Leger, and other French horses at Doncaster. Reiff, who married a daughter of R. Denman, will ride in Germany in 1908 and 1909 for Messrs. Puchof, de Schmieder and Felix Simon. Reiff evidently likes wandering, for he has already ridden in America, England and France. He has been up on thirty-four winners in France this season. The five American jockeys: Burns, Shaw, Lewis, Jones and Vital, have done excellently in Germany this year. Several will go to Russia when things become more normal in that country. At present few of the Russian race courses are being used.

NOLAN WANTS KETCHELL.

Billy Nolan, manager of Battling Nelson, is trying hard to get Young Ketchell, the Montana fighter who knocked out Joe Thomas at Colma, to place himself under his management. Nolan saw Ketchell fight Thomas in their first battle on July 4, and ever since that contest has been trying to induce Ketchell to go with him. Nolan will probably lose out, as Spider Kelly has practically secured him.

DOPE ON KEENE HORSES.

Here is the latest money "dope" respecting James R. Keene and his horses:

He estimates his turf investments at over \$2,000,000.

In ten years his horses have won a little over \$1,435,000.

His 1907 earnings are \$332,701. Colin is \$104,850 winner.

Peter Pan won \$93,425 before retirement.

Ballot's winnings total about \$54,000.

He classes higher and more ardently admires Domino than any horse he ever owned.

He is 73 years of age and has been racing twenty-eight years.

He bet as high as \$500 but once this year. He lost that to Beson.

He never believes a race horse is really great until the test of three-year-old form.

He values Castleton farm at \$100,000. Voter is now the stud's star. Commando is dead.

He and Rowe believe Restigouche may be the real great 1908 three-year-old.

CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES.

Offenses to be penalized 15 yards for forward pass touching ground instead of losing possession of the ball.

Defense to be given the ball when out of bounds from a kick or forward pass.

Forward pass from punt to be penalized 15 yards, but distance to be gained will be 10 yards.

Hurdling or tripping to be declared a foul and the side so fouling to be penalized 15 yards.

Halves to be increased from 30 to 35 minutes each.

Linemen may carry the ball from position or from five yards back.

Coaching from the sidelines to be penalized 15 yards from the point where the ball was snapped.

If balls is kicked out of bounds twice in succession same shall go to the opposing sides on the 35-yard line.

During kick-out opponents must stand at least 35 yards from goal.

No player who has not signaled may attempt fair catch on signal of another player.

No player may signal for a fair catch unless he has a chance to make the catch.

All players will be allowed to pass the ball back at any time.

One umpire and one field judge will be compulsory.

The field umpire will share a part of the referee's duties.

Head linemen will mark spot where the ball goes out of bounds.

Referee will report all holding to the umpire.

Referee will judge hurdling.